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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT

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1. THIS WEEK'S TIME MAGAZINE IN STORY ENTITLED "AFTER
HELSINKI: BALKAN JITTERS" CONTAINED FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:
BEGIN QUOTE THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT NICOLAE
CEAUSESCU, REPORTS TIME CORRESPONDENT STROBE TALBOTT, HAS
SECRETLY BEEN LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF BUYING MODERN
ARMAMENTS, INCLUDING AMERICAN F-5 JET FIGHTERS, IN THE WEST.
SUCH A MOVE, IF IT MATERIALIZED, WOULD BE UNPRECEDENTED
FOR A MEMBER OF THE WARSAW PACT. THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED BY
RUMANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF AND DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER
GENERAL ION COMAN WHEN HE FLEW TO WASHINGTON IN MARCH FOR
TALKS WITH HIS U.S. COUNTERPART, GENERAL FREDERICK WEYAND.
BUT WHILE THE U.S. WOULD WELCOME A "PROTOCOL" OR LIMITED
MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, IT IS RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE RUMANIA
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WITH MODERN WEAPONS INVOLVING CLASSIFIED TECHNOLOGY THAT

MIGHT FALL INTO SOVIET HANDS. END QUOTE

2. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY ADDITIONAL PRESS STORIES ON SUBJECT. DEPT HAS REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING. SISCO

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